Bollington Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR/ HOUSING OFFICER

for

1970

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH -

W. R. PLEWS,
L.R.C.P. & S., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND HOUSING OFFICER -

A. P. BATES,
Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.,
up to 28th May 1970.

B. J. GLEAVES,
M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.,
from 1st October 1970.

SENIOR CLERK - E. MARTIN.

CLERK (PART-TIME) MRS. W. M. DAVIES.

42/44, Cumberland Street,
Macclesfield.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Bollington Urban District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to present my Annual Report for the year 1970.

Firstly, I must express my regrets which I am sure are shared by all the Members and Staff of Bollington Urban District Council, about the unexpected death of Mr. Bates on the 28th May, 1970.

Mr. Bates had worked very hard in a quiet unassuming way. Shortly before his death, in March 1970, he had done a first rate job in tracking down the source of gross pollution which had resulted from illegal tipping at Kerridge. His efforts undoubtedly expedited the steps taken by the responsible firm to clear the trouble which had been caused by their employee.

I have included, for your interest, extracts from my Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee, which of course covers Bollington Urban District Council as well as Macclesfield Borough Council and gives a wider picture of the Health Service within the area. This is the last report to be presented to the Divisional Health Committee, as this Committee will be dissolved in April 1971.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and help, which they have given to the Department and also the Officers and Staff of my own and other Departments for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. R. PLEWS,

Medical Officer of Health.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	1443
Population (Registrar General's Estimate) - Mid 1970	6160
Number of inhabitated houses (December 1970)	2455
Total Rateable Value	£230,699
Product of Penny Rate	£889
Live Births	103
Still Births	2
Deaths	79

VITAL STATISTICS	Male (1970)	Male (1969)	Female (1970)	Female (1969)	Comparable figures 1970 LOCAL	Comparable figures 1970 Rate per 1,000 ENG. & WALES
LIVE BIRTHS (Legitimate)	55	56	42	59		
Rate per 1,000 population (Crude) 16.7					16.7	16.0
Area Comparability figure 1.07 Corrected figure 17.9						
LIVE BIRTHS (illegitimate)	2	6	4	3	6	8
Percentage of total live births 5.8						
STILL BIRTHS	2	NIL	NIL	1	19	13
TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS	59	62	46	63		
INFANT DEATHS						
Infant Mortality (under 1 year)	-	(1)	1	(-)	10	18
Neonatal Mortality (under 4 weeks)	-	(-)	1	(-)	10	12
Early Neonatal Mortality (under 1 week)	-	(-)	1	(-)	10	11
Perinatal Mortality (stillbirths & deaths under 1 week)	-	(-)	-	(-)	29	23

Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to National Rate: 1.12

REGISTERED DEATHS

Year	Male	Female	Total
1965	33	31	64
1966	41	45	86
1967	36	24	60
1968	35	37	72
1969	31	37	68
1970	44	35	79

DEATHS RATES, ETC.- ALL AGES	Local Authority Area	England & Wales
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	12.8	11.7
Area comparability factor	.96	1.00
Local adjusted rate	12.3	11.7
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.05	1.00

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH	1970	(1969)	1970	(1969)	1970	(1969)
	Male		Female		Total	
Cancer (all forms)	12	(7)	2	(10)	14	(17)
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	(4)	2	(10)	6	(14)
Diseases of Heart and Circulation	22	(16)	22	(10)	44	(26)
Pneumonia Bronchitis and Asthma	1	(1)	3	(4)	4	(5)
Accidents, Suicides etc.,	2	(-)	1	(-)	3	(-)
All other causes of death.	3	(3)	5	(3)	8	(6)

	1967		1968		1969		1970	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
4 weeks & under 1 year	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
45 - 54 years	3	-	2	2	1	2	5	1
55 - 64 years	7	1	9	5	3	7	10	3
65 - 74 years	11	6	13	11	10	9	14	9
75 years & over	11	15	10	15	15	18	15	20
	36	24	35	37	31	37	44	35

The number of deaths, 79 was more than in 1969, when there were 68.

The proportion of persons dying over the age of 65 is 73.4%.

24 persons aged over 65 years died in hospital i.e. 41.3% of all deaths over 65 years of age.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE FIGURES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The death rate was .06 lower than the figure for 1969.
Births exceeded deaths by about 209,274 in 1970.
Births exceeded deaths by about 220,000 in 1969.
Population estimated at 30th June 1970 was 48,987,700, which was 82,800 greater than the estimate for 1969.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following diseases were notified during the year	1970	1969
Scarlet Fever	-	-
Measles	4	8
Whooping Cough	-	5
Erysipelas	-	-
Sonnei Dysentery	3	71
Infectious Hepatitis	1	1
Pelvic Tuberculosis	-	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	-

Council Offices,
Wellington Road,
Bollington,
Near Macclesfield.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bollington Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Report can only reflect the work carried out by Mr. A. P. Bates whose sudden death in May left such a gap to be filled.

Many expressions of regret were received from members of the Public but all referred to his kindness and willingness to help people.

Dr. Plews has referred to the problem caused by random tipping of toxic liquid wastes and it is anticipated that this problem will receive greater consideration in view of the increasing quantities of complex chemicals used in industry today.

The continued illness of the Council's Engineer and Surveyor resulted in Refuse Collection and Disposal coming under the control of the Health Department for the first time but no problems were experienced.

Improvement Grants continued to attract increased attention from the public and more time than ever before has been taken up in advice and vetting of applications.

I would like to conclude by thanking the Chairman and Members for their support and enthusiasm and the Clerical Staff and Workmen for their loyalty and cheerfulness in conditions which from time to time have been trying.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

B. J. GLEAVES,

Public Health Inspector and
Housing Officer.

LEGISLATION 1970.

STATUTES

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970.
Food and Drugs (Milk) Act 1970.
Local Authority Social Services Act 1970.
Riding Establishments Act 1970.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

Department of the Environment.

No. 109 Building (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1970.
199 Caravan Sites Act 1968 (Part 11) (Commencement) Order 1970.
615 Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) Order 1970.
807 Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations 1970.
1335 Building (Sixth Amendment) Regulations 1970.
1545 Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (No. 2) Regulations 1970.
1667 Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (No. 2) Order 1970.

Department of Health and Social Security.

1172 Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970.
1880 Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations 1970.
1881 Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1970.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

94 Cheese Regulations 1970.
400 Labelling of Food Regulations 1970.
752 Cream Regulations 1970.
1101 Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1970.
1102 Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1970.
1277 The Milk (Eradication of Brucellosis) Scheme 1970.
1372 Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1970.
1597 Soft Drinks (Amendment) Regulations 1970.

CIRCULARS

Department of the Environment.

No. 3 Public Health Act 1961. Building Regulations 1965. The Agrément Board.
4 Clean Air Act 1956. Exempted Fireplaces.
7 Standard Tests for Effluents - Fish Toxicity Test.
9 Building Regulations 1965. Notice of Intention.
10 Public Health Act 1961. Building Regulations.
12 Storm Overflows and the Disposal of Storm Sewage.
17 Derelict Land.
19 Housing Act 1969. Publicity for Improvements.
21 Reform of Local Government in England: Areas and Boundaries.
25 Clean Air Act 1956. Exempted Fireplaces.
38 Gypsy Encampments - Part 11 Caravan Site Act 1968.
41 Conversion of Coke-burning Heating Appliances.
42 Clean Air Act 1956. Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations 1970.
44 Clean Rivers.
50 Building Research Station Advisory Service.
61 Condensation in Dwellings.
63 Domestic Smoke Control. Availability of Solid Smokeless Fuel.
64 Report of the Working Party on Sewage Disposal.
69 Disposal of Solid Toxic Wastes.
73 Public Health Act 1961. Building Regulations.
77 Safe Disposal of Disused Refrigerators.
79 Housing Act 1969. House Improvement and Repair.
85 Clean Air Act 1956. Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (No. 2) Regulations 1970.

Department of Health and Social Security.

12 The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

2 Meat (Sterilisation) Regulations 1969.
4 Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959: Approved Chemical Agents.
9 Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959: Approved Chemical Agents.

OFFICIAL REPORTS AND MEMORANDA

Reform of Local Government in England. Cmnd 4276.

Local Government Reorganisation in Glamorgan and Monmouthshire. Cmnd 4310.

Reorganisation of the Health Service in Wales (Welsh Office).

The Reorganisation of Central Government. Cmnd 4506.

The Protection of the Environment. The fight against pollution. Cmnd 4373.

Taken for Granted. Report of the Working Party on Sewage Disposal. (Chairman: Mrs Lena Jeger, M.P., B.A.,).

Disposal of Toxic Solid Wastes. The Report of the Technical Committee on the disposal of toxic solid wastes.

Eleventh Progress Report of the Standing Technical Committee on Synthetic Detergents.

The Planning of the Coastline. A report of a study of coastal preservation and development in England and Wales. (Chairman: John Cripps).

Technical memorandum on activated sludge sewage treatment installations.

Air pollution from road traffic. Road Research Laboratory (Ministry of Transport).

Food Standards Committee Report on the Pre-1955 Compositional Orders.

Food Additives and Contaminants Committee Report on the leaching of substances from packaging materials into food.

Food Additives and Contaminants Committee Report on the review of the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food Regulations 1962.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

The Council owns 126 dwellings which were built pre-war.
315 dwellings which were built post-war.
29 dwellings (which includes 4 flatlets) completed February 1970.

470 dwellings, of which 52 are post-war built bungalows.

During 1970 21 houses changed tenants.
1 bungalow changed tenant.

The following statistics are included for information :-

1970	£	1969 £
Supervision and Management	3650	(3070)
Housing Repair Fund Income	14306	(8417)
Housing Repair Fund Expenditure	10100	(8340)
Housing Repair Fund Balance	4206	(2178)
Average annual contribution per house	18	(18)
Average annual expenditure per house	21	(19)
Balance per dwelling in Housing Repair Fund.	8	(5)

(figures for 1969 in brackets)

COUNCIL HOUSE MAINTENANCE.

38 houses and the Community Centre were painted by the Council's painters.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - Engineer and Surveyor.

The Council's Surveyor has furnished the following particulars :-

Discretionary Grants

Year	Applications approved Owner Occupiers.	Rented Properties.	Total amount of approved grants.	Schemes Completed.
1967	9	-	£1320	6
1968	6	1	£1856	7
1969	-	2	£321	2
1970	7	-	£2192	7

Standard Grants

Year	Owner Occupiers.	Owners of Rented Houses.	Total Completed.	Total Grants.	Amenities Provided. 1.	2.	3.	4.	5.			
1967	19	1	10	£1115	10	10	10	10	10			
1968	25	1	16	2141	16	16	16	16	16			
1969	17	3	17	2126	15	16	17	16	15			
1970	11	2	(21) 13	2079	A	B	C	D	E	F	G)	
					11	11	12	12	1	13	8)	

The Number of New Houses Erected in 1970.

By Local Authority: 29 By other Persons: 44

HOUSING MANAGEMENT VISITS

Property Repairs	34
Damp Houses	10
Drainage	20
Council House Exchanges	4
Supervision of Houses	192
Painting & Contract Supervision	1
Stores Supervision	23
Community Centre	10
Changes of Tenancy	13
Panel Visits	3
Inspection of Church St. Site	33
Bungalows	17

SEPTIC TANKS

In 1962 the Council agreed to bear the whole cost of emptying domestic septic tanks in the district, utilising the vehicle owned by the Macclesfield Rural District Council.

During 1970, 10 tanks were emptied, at a total cost to the Council of £19. 17. 6d.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Public Health

Statutory Notice	4
Drainage	69
Septic Tanks	6
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises	3
Canteen and Food Premises	8
Factories Act	5
Stream Pollution	38

Food Inspection

Milk	11
Meat	214
Hygiene & Cruelty	129
Water Sampling	8
Food Hygiene (Shops)	4
Mobile Vehicles	1

Sundry Inspections

Improvement Grants	19
Property Repairs	53
Housing Acts	4
Infectious Diseases	42
Local Land Changes	18
Specimens to Laboratory	29
Petrol Regulations	3
Noise Complaints & Investigations	6
Atmospheric Pollution	17
Nuisances	3
Rodent Control	9
Committee (Miscellaneous)	40
Tip (Refuse Collection & Disposal)	37
Toilets	1

In August because of staffing problems the longstanding connection with Macclesfield Rural District Council for relief holiday duties came to an end and the relief duties were taken over by Macclesfield Borough Council. This service is much appreciated and enables the work of the Department to continue during Staff absences.

Meat Inspection

The following charges, which are less than the maximum permitted charges, were fixed by the Council for the inspection of animals intended for the food of man, provided that slaughter-house operators restrict all calls for meat inspection to normal working hours, except in the case of emergencies. In practice however the Public Health Inspector is obliged, for the sake of the smooth and efficient running of the service, to inspect on the Sunday meat which is killed on the Saturday or Sunday morning.

Bovines, other than calves	.....	1/3d.
Calves or Pigs	.....	6d.
Sheep or Goats	.....	3d.

Details of the animals slaughtered and inspected and the incidence of disease etc., are set out in the following tables:

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED - 1970

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	911	1	3	3563	1345
Number inspected	911	1	3	3563	1345
Corresponding figure 1969	803	2	-	3429	1694
All diseases except Tuberculosis:					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	49	-	-	22	62
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	5.4%	-	-	.62%	4.61%
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	10
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	.74%

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Cysticerci:					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned,	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised & totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

SAMPLING:-

Milk. Supplies - Brucella Abortus.

The regular routine sampling of milk in the district is undertaken by the County Council Health Department, which is the licensing authority for bottling and dealers establishments under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations. The results of the sampling are received from the County Council Officers. No evidence of tubercle bacilli in milk was found during the year. Since the completion of the Ministry of Agriculture's eradiction programme for tuberculosis, the County Council has turned its attention to the incidence of brucellosis in milk. Brucella organisms are destroyed by heat treatment of milk, but their presence in raw milk can produce undulant fever in humans. Where evidence of the presence of these organisms is demonstrated in routine sampling, immediate action is set in motion to isolate the affected cow (so as to prevent the milk being sold in its raw state).

The following table summarises the work of the County Council in respect of sampling the milk supplies of the district :-

	Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	9	-
Dealer Samples (Herd Samples)	48	2
Individual Cow Samples	47	5
	104	7

There was at the end of 1970 4 dairy herds in the district, of which 1 was accredited under the Brucellosis (Accredited Herds) Scheme, from which milk was sold raw to the public.

MILK	Methylene Blue Test Passed	Void	Failed	Phosphatase Test Passed	Failed	Passed Turbidity Test
Pasteurised	28	1	-	17	-	-
" (Homo)	5	1	-	2	-	-
" (C.I.)	8	-	-	-	-	-
Untreated	25	-	1	-	-	-
" (C.I.)	26	2	1	-		
Sterilised	-	-	-	-	-	16

FOOD PREMISES

There are four bakehouses in use in the district.

CLEAN AIR

There are no smoke control areas in the district.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council has an obligation to inspect their district for infestations of rats and mice and to carry out the treatment for their extermination on their properties.

A part-time Rodent Operator who also undertakes the treatment of vermin at private dwelling houses free of charge and at business premises at the expense of the occupiers, is employed for these purposes.

Several of the larger industrial premises and a few farms are serviced under annual contracts.

The total number of properties inspected for the infestations as a result of notification was 227 and the number inspected during the course of survey was 1,168.

FACTORIES ACT

Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register.	Inspected.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	-	-	-
Factories not included in the above in which Sect. 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	35	24	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	1	-	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	No. Found.	No. Remedied.	No. Referred to H.M.	Notified by H. M. Inspector.	No. Prosecuted.
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences.					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not seperate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences.	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORK

Nature of Work.	No. of outworkers in August required by Section 110(1) (c).	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome places.	Notices served.
Wearing Apparel (Making up etc.,)	7	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

The following table shows the number of registrations and inspections made under the provisions of the Act:-

TABLE A

Class of premises.	No. of premises newly registered during year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	1	7	7
Retail Shops	1	13	13
Warehouses/ Wholesale shops	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	-	3	3
Fuel Storage depots	-	1	1
Totals	2	24	24

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to Registered premises.

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Analysis by Workplace of persons employed in registered premises at the end of the year:-

TABLE C

	No. of persons employed.
Offices.	13
Retail Shops.	24
Wholesale Departments, warehouses.	-
Catering departments open to the public.	8
Canteens.	-
Fuel Storage depots.	2
	47

Totals:- Male 22 Female 25

TABLE D - Exemptions.

Part 1	Space	NIL
Part 11	Temperature	NIL
Part 111	Sanitary Conveniences	NIL
Part 1V	Washing Facilities	NIL

TABLE E - Prosecutions. NIL

TABLE F - Staff.

Number of Inspectors	1
Number of other staff employed in connection with the Act.	NIL

Constitution of the Divisional Health Committee:-

County Council

Councillor J. B. Leck
Councillor A. Richardson
Councillor E. Bayley
Councillor B. R. Harris
Councillor J. Richardson
Councillor Mrs. A. M. White

Macclesfield Borough Council

Alderman Mrs. H. O. Barentz
Alderman Mrs. M. E. Wright (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs. M. D. Buckley
Councillor Mrs. H. Heywood
Councillor B. Jolley
Councillor A. S. Allen
Councillor T. A. Amesbury
Councillor Mrs. F. M. Birch

Bollington Urban District Council

Councillor Mrs. E. A. Mosley, J.P. (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Mrs. E. P. Price

Co-opted Members

Alderman Mrs. M. E. Wright	Representing	Macclesfield and District Hospital Management Committee
Dr. P. R. Baker	- do -	Local Medical Panel Committee within Division
Mr. J. L. Barentz	- do -	No. 10 Divisional Executive for Education - Macclesfield & District
Mrs. D. A. T. Dawson	- do -	National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children
Mrs. B. Davies, J.P.,	- do -	St. Dunstans Institute for the Blind.
Mrs. E. Wemyss Smith	- do -	Macclesfield Council Social Services
Mrs. M. Snow	- do -	Macclesfield Society for the Blind

Staff - Macclesfield Division

Divisional Medical Officer (Part-time with Macclesfield Borough)	-	W. R. Plews, L.R.C.P. & S., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.,
Assistant County Medical Officer & Assistant School Medical Officer	-	H. M. Levis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.,
Assistant County Medical Officer	-	Ruth D. Owen, M.B., CH.B., (Part-time)
Ophthalmic Surgeon (Part-time)	-	A. Holmes-Smith, M.A., M.B., B. Chir., D.O.M.S.,
Paediatrician (Part-time)	-	J. D. Allen, M.D., F.R.C.P.,
Ear, Nose & Throat Surgeon (Part-time)	-	O. T. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B.,
Child Guidance Psychiatrist	-	J. L. Lanceley, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M.,
Speech Therapist (Part-time)	-	
Occupational Therapist	-	Mrs. M. J. Hoey
County Chiropodist	-	Mr. F. Murphy (Part-time with S. E. Cheshire Division)
Clerk to the Divisional Health Comm.	-	W. Jones.
Divisional Administrative Assistant	-	H. Greenhouse (Part-time with Macclesfield Borough)
Senior Clerk	-	Mrs. M. Mottershead
Clerks	-	Mrs. M. H. Andrews (Welfare Foods & Chiropody) Mrs. B. Honey (Immunological Records) Miss R. Newton (Part-time with Macclesfield Borough) Miss H. Hudson Mrs. R. J. Coe (Part-time Welfare Foods and Immunological)
Clinic Clerk (Part-time)	-	Mrs. M. Siggins
School Clerks	-	Mrs. B. Chadwick & Mrs. Y. Stone (Part-time)
Adult Training Centre Clerk (Part-time)		Mrs. I. G. Marshall
Home Help Organiser	-	Mrs. J. Cheetham
Area Nursing Officer	-	Mrs. B. R. Gregson (Part-time with Crewe and S. E. Cheshire Division)
Area Dental Officer	-	G. J. Hartley
Area Mental Welfare Officer	-	G. D. Brown
Adult Training Centre Manager	-	W. Lowe
E.M.I. Day Centre, Matron	-	Mrs. E. M. Oldham
Junior Training Centre Supervisor	-	Mrs. M. Cheadle

Day Nursery Matrons

South Park	-	Mrs. J. I. Hulme
Glegg Street	-	Mrs. E. Roberts
Hurdsfield	-	Mrs. A. C. Aspden
Bollington	-	Mrs. C. A. Allen

Health Visitors

Miss T. Martin, Clinic Centre. Weston	(Tel. 23721)
Miss J. Samuels, 52, Bridge Street	(Tel. 25501)
Miss W. G. Grimstone, 52, Bridge Street	(Tel. 25501)
Miss M. M. Marsden, Hurdsfield House	(Tel. 23282)
Miss E. Plaiter, Clinic Centre, Sanders Square	(Tel. 23800)
Mrs. M. Guy, Bollington Welfare Centre	(Tel. Boll. 2376)
Miss C. Crosbie, Clinic Centre, Weston	(Tel. 23721)

County Midwives

Miss F. A. Scrivens, Flat 2, Sunny Bank, London Rd	(Tel.23853)
Mrs. M. Woolstenhulme, 24, Pownall Street, Weston	(Tel.24575)
Mrs. F. E. Davies, 10, Fairfield Ave, Bollington	(Tel.Boll 2326)
Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, 2, Wilton Crescent, Weston	(Tel.22495)
Miss E. Barlow, 82, Ivymeade Road	(Tel.25560)
Mrs. A. Watson (Part-time) 217, Hurdsfield Road	(Tel.24485)
Miss B. Burns, Oakwood, Chapel Lane, Rainow	(Tel.Boll 2190)

District Nurse/Midwife

Miss A. Barlow, 13, Waterhouse Avenue, Bollington	(Tel.Boll 3179)

District Nurses

Mrs. H. A. M. Wolfenden, 136, Earlsway, Weston	(Tel. 24807)
Miss A. K. Keates, 28 Berwick Close, Upton Priory	(Tel. Prestbury 48188)
Mrs. M. Leonard, 62 Merebrook Road, Weston	(Tel. 26054)
Mr. J. E. Billings, 21 Hillcrest Rd, Gawsworth	(Tel. 25654)
Mrs. M. Wood, Walkmill Farm, Ingersley Vale, Bollington.	(Tel. Boll.3204)
Mrs. G. L. Garforth, 16 Princess Drive, Bollington	(Tel. Boll.3505)
Mrs. B. F. Taylor, 35 Winchester Court	(Tel. 27920)
Mrs. J. Ferguson, 20 Fairview Road	(Tel. 26207)

Clinic Nurses

Mrs. J. Porter, School Clinic, Pierce Street	(Tel. 23053)
Mrs. J. V. Lomas, School Clinic, Pierce Street	(Tel. 23053)

There were a number of staff changes during the year and the above list is the position as at 31st. December 1970.

The Committee administer approved proposals under the National Health Service Act 1946, as under:-

Section 22	Care of Mothers and Young Children
Section 23	Midwifery
Section 24	Health Visiting
Section 25	Home Nursing
Section 26	Vaccination & Immunisation
Section 28	Prevention of Illness, Care & After Care
Section 29	Domestic Help
Section 51	Mental Health Service

Section 22 - Care of Mothers and Young Children

Welfare Centres	Heath Visitor & Telephone No.
County Clinic Centre, Earlsway, Weston, Macclesfield.	Miss T. Martin & Miss C. Crosbie (Tel. Macclesfield 23721)
Hurdsfield House, Brocklehurst Ave, Macclesfield.	Miss M. M. Marsden, (Tel. Macclesfield 23282)
Sanders Square, Moss Estate, Macclesfield.	Miss E. Plaiter, (Tel. Macclesfield 23800)
52, Bridge Street, Macclesfield.	Miss J. Samuels & Miss W.G.Grimstone (Tel. Macclesfield 25501)
Old Barn Upton Priory, Macclesfield.	Miss E. Plaiter
School Clinic, Pierce St. Macclesfield.	Miss W.G. Grimstone, (Tel. Macclesfield 23053)
Clinic Centre, Bollington.	Mrs. M. Guy, (Tel. Bollington 2376)

County Clinic Centre, Earlsway, Weston

Developmental Paediatrics	Wednesday p.m. (except 1st)
Health Visitor Clinic	Friday p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	1st Wednesday p.m.
Preparation Class	2nd & 4th Monday p.m.
Screening Clinic	1st & 3rd Tuesday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic	3rd Tuesday p.m.
Vaccination & Immunisation	2nd Thursday p.m.
Dental Clinic	Daily
Chiropodist	Monday
Genetic Clinic	4th Tuesday p.m.

Hurdsfield House, Brocklehurst Avenue

Child Health Clinic	Thursday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic	1st Tuesday p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	2nd Wednesday p.m.
Relaxation Clinic	Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic	2nd Wednesday a.m.
Speech Therapy Clinic	Monday p.m. & Friday a.m. & p.m.
Spastics Clinic	Thursday & 2nd Monday p.m.
Vaccination & Immunisation	3rd Tuesday p.m.
Child Guidance Clinic	Alternate Tuesdays a.m.
Peripatetic Teacher of the Deaf	4th Friday
Preparation (Midwives)	1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday
Chiropody	Wednesday a.m. 1st & 3rd.

Sanders Square

Child Health Clinic	Friday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic	2nd Thursday p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	4th Wednesday p.m.
Preparation Class (Midwives)	1st, 3rd & 5th Monday p.m.
Dental	Tuesday & Thursday
Vaccination & Immunisation	4th Thursday p.m.
Relaxation (Midwives)	2nd & 4th Monday p.m.
Screening	4th Wednesday a.m.

52, Bridge Street

Child Health Clinic	Monday p.m.
Health Visitors Clinic	Thursday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic	4th Tuesday p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	3rd Wednesday p.m.
Vaccination & Immunisation	2nd Tuesday p.m.
Screening Clinic	1st & 3rd Wednesday a.m.
Speech Therapist	Monday a.m.

Old Barn, Upton Priory

Child Health Clinic	Tuesday p.m.
Vaccination & Immunisation	2nd Tuesday p.m.

School Clinic Pierce Street

Cervical Cytology	Tuesday a.m.
School Clinic	Tuesday & Friday a.m.
E.N.T. Clinic	2nd Tuesday p.m.
Eye Clinic	1st & 5th Monday p.m.
	1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tuesday p.m.
	4th & 5th Thursday a.m.
Dental	Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Clinic Centre, Bollington

Child Health Clinic	Thursday p.m.
Screening Clinic	Tuesday p.m. (except 2nd)
Eye Clinic	2nd Tuesday p.m.

The following is a record of work done during the year, 1970.

Child Health Clinics

During the year 1970, Developmental Screening of Young Children was commenced in some of the Child Health Clinics and it is intended to extend this screening as soon as practicable when sufficient Doctors are available.

Application for Admission to West Park Hospital

	(1969)	1970
Number of Applications received:-	(567)	639
Number of Applications for West Park Hospital:-		
Full Term	(350)	383
Short Term:-		
24 Hours	(3)	Nil
48 Hours	(209)	244
Home Confinements due to non-acceptance	(5)	12

Welfare Foods

The main storage and distribution centre at The Divisional Health Office, Macclesfield and the distribution points at 52, Bridge Street, Hurdsfield House, Sanders Square, Weston Estate, Upton Priory and Bollington Welfare Centre and Bollington Council Offices were retained.

During the year the following quantities of foods were distributed, the previous year being shown in brackets:-

	(1969)	1970
National Dried Milk	(1393)	985
Orange Juice	(14935)	14521
Cod Liver Oil	(1079)	1107
Vitamins A. & D. Tablets	(1349)	1634
	(18756)	18247

Branded Foods including Milk Foods, Cereals and other Commodities have now ceased to be sold at the Welfare Centres.

Specialist Clinics

Ophthalmic Clinic:- The Ophthalmic clinic at the School Clinic is available to mothers and Children under 5 years of age and the following is a report of the work done during the year:-

No. of Children under 5 years who attended	107
No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	501
No. of children for who glasses were prescribed	75

Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic:- This clinic is held once each month at the School Clinic and is available to Mothers and Children under 5 years:-

No. of attendances made by children under 5 years	4
No. of children referred for Tonsils & Adenoids operation	1

Day Nurseries

The following is a summary of attendances for the year and the total attendances for all the nurseries is up from 31,090 in 1969 to 31,403 in 1970.

	Attendances		Total Average
	Under 2 years	2 - 5 years	Daily Attendances
South Park	2128	6256	34
Glegg Street	1398	6762	33
Hurdsfield	3052	6064	37
Bollington	1637	4206	24

Section 23 - Midwives Services

Notification of births received:-

	Live		Stillborn		Total		Total Births
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Legitimate	431	353	3	7	434	360	794
Illegitimate	26	29	-	-	26	29	55
	457	382	3	7	460	389	849

There are seven full-time midwives and one part-time midwife employed in the Division.

There was a total of 849 births in the Division, 460 males and 389 females, of which 171 were home confinements and 678 Hospital or Nursing Home confinements.

Births took place as follows:-

	MACCLESFIELD		BOLLINGTON		TOTAL	
	(1969)	1970	(1969)	1970	(1969)	1970
Hospital Confinements	565	591	93	87	658	678
Home Confinements	179	154	27	17	206	171
	744	745	122	104	866	849

Of the 171 mothers who were confined at home, 33 were attended by Home Helps provided under Section 29 of the National Health Services Act.

In addition to the 171 home confinements attended by the Midwives they also attended 340 early hospital discharges.

Health Visitors

The following visits were made by the eight full-time Health Visitors in the Division:-

To Children under 1 year	3074
To Children 1 - 5 years	4111
To persons over 65 years	459
To Mentally Disturbed	27
To Handicapped persons	64
To T. B. Cases	9
To School Children	435
To Expectant Mothers	176
	8355

In addition to the above visits, the following clinics were attended by the eight Health Visitors:- Child Health, Hospital Paediatric Clinic, Hospital Geriatric Clinic, Young Childrens, Ante-Natal Clinic, Vaccination and Immunisation, School Medical and Head-Inspections and the various specialists clinics.

Section 25 - Domiciliary Nursing

The number of full-time District Nurses employed in the Division is six and the visits made are as under:-

NEW CASES

Medical	Surgical	Others	Total
502	267	30	799

VISITS

General Nursing	Dressings	Injections	Bed Baths	General Care	Others	TOTAL
5,522	5,024	2,444	1,205	2,315	1,035	17,545

Section 26 - Vaccination and Immunisation

Records of Vaccination and Immunisation of persons under 16 years:-

	Completed Doses		Reinforcing Doses	
	(1969)	1970	(1969)	1970
Smallpox Vaccination				
By Practitioners	(181)	176	(8)	23
At Clinics	(240)	353	(-)	2
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/ Tetanus (Triple)				
By Practitioners	(187)	249	(5)	243
At Clinics	(204)	499	(49)	387
Diptheria/Tetanus				
By Practitioners	(-)	-	(406)	-
At Clinics	(-)	-	(263)	-
Tetanus				
By Practitioners	(-)	-	(-)	-
At Clinics	(-)	-	(-)	-
Poliomyeltitis Vaccination				
Oral Sabin - By Practitioners	(175)	245	(408)	178
At Clinics	(194)	492	(246)	373
Measles				
By Practitioners	(208)	244	(-)	-
At Clinics	(121)	243	(-)	-
Rubella				
By Practitioners	(-)	21		
At Clinics	(-)	197		

Section 28 - Prevention of Illness Care and After Care

Cytological Clinic

This clinic was started in October, 1966, to carry out tests for ladies between the ages of 25 - 60 years, to find those with pre-cancerous condition and preventing the development of Cancer of the Cervix.

During 1970, 46 sessions were held and 920 patients attended and 4 suspicious cases were referred to own doctor as probable positive cases.

Recuperative Convalescence

During the year nine persons were sent for recuperative convalescence, who were recommended by the General Practitioners.

Family Planning

The General Practitioners referred 18 cases on medical or social grounds to the Family Planning Clinic during the year.

Health Advisory Service for the Aged

This service continued at the Macclesfield Darby and Joan Club run by the W.R.V.S. held at the Parish Rooms and Heyes Hall, Weston, also at the Darby and Joan Club run by the Inner Wheel at Ryles House, Ryles Park, Macclesfield.

Health Education films are shown during the winter months and the Clinic Nurse attends to answer questions and talk to the Members individually at each club, once per month, where the attendances are approximately 100, 90 and 70 respectively.

The films shown on Health Education and travel films on places of interest have been greatly appreciated by the Members of the Clubs and many of the members have expressed their interest in the films and the wish to see more. The Clinic Nurse has also been able to successfully deal with problems that have been brought to her notice either by the members or by the members of the W.R.V.S. and Inner Wheel.

The films shown were as follows:-

Are You At Home	Pembrokeshire
Tons of Teeth	Sunny Winter Holidays
Most Precious Gift	Fortune
Natural Gas for Britain	Here is Holland
Accidents Don't Happen	David & Golightly

Loan of Medical and Surgical Equipment

Articles of loan purposes are available at the Divisional Health Office. These articles were issued to new patients during the year, 1970 as follows:-

Wheel Chairs	28
Bed Rests	30
Air Cushions	25
Bed Pans	38
Mackintosh & Plastic Sheets	64
Urinals	19
Feeding Cups	2
Bed Cages	13
Commodes	39
Bath Aids	15
Walking Aids	36
Toilet Aids	-
Hoyer Hoists	-
Enuresis Alarms	12
Other Miscellaneous Aids	12
Ripple Beds	1
	334

In addition to the above Bed Pans have been issued to the Midwives for use in confinement cases. Protective incontinence pants were also issued and 8,400 disposable interliners and 15,600 disposable sheets were purchased for issue to patients incontinent.

Physically Handicapped Persons

An Occupational Therapist is employed for three sessions per week and during the year, 66 physically handicapped persons were visited, and a total of 135 visits were made. One session per week is spent organising and helping the physically handicapped persons club.

Adaptations to property and equipment such as provisions of handrails to paths, ramps, bath and toilet aids, foundations for garages and widening of paths etc., were provided in fourteen cases during the year.

Car Badges for severely disabled drivers were in use in 18 cases at the end of the year.

Handicapped Persons Club

The club ended 1970 with a membership of 25. Several members having joined and left during the year.

Three members of the W.R.V.S. continued to assist in the running of the club, which moved in April to new premises at 33, Great King Street. Although not ideal in size, it has meant that the club have a meeting place of their own for their Tuesday meetings, and a centre for social activities arranged in the evening.

The work activities for the year have again been centred mainly on the re-making of Christmas Cards, which has become an almost all the year round occupation. A profit of £50 was made from these, with a sale of about 5,000 cards, for Christmas, 1970. This money together with the proceeds from a Jumble Sale and coffee evening provided funds for the following years outings.

Five members of the club enjoyed a week's holiday in October, organised by the B.R.C.S. at the invitation of Mr. Pontin, at the Blackpool holiday camp.

Other social outings have included a trip to the pantomime at the Opera House, Manchester, a rally for the Physically Handicapped, held annually at Trentham Gardens and all day outings to Morecambe in July and to Southport in September.

The year was comcluded with a very enjoyable evening and Christmas dinner at the Cock Inn, Henbury.

B.C.G. Vaccination

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis is available to children in their 13th year. This age group involves nine schools in the Division and the following table shows the number of children vaccinated during the year.

No. of Children in age group		No. of Consents Received		No. of Children tested by P.P.D. Injections		No. of Children vaccinations with B.C.G.	
(1969)	1970	(1969)	1970	(1969)	1970	(1969)	1970
(886)	937	(734)	743	(714)	715	(649)	651

Chiropody Service

This service is available to Pensioners, Expectant Mothers and Physically Handicapped Persons who are receiving Assistance from the Ministry of Social Security and a part-time County Chiropodist commenced work at the beginning of the year in addition to the private chiropodists.

The following table shows the number of new cases and total treatments given for the year by the County Chiropodist and private chiropodists:-

	No. of New Cases.		No, of Treatments Given		Total No. of Patients Treated.	
	(1969)	1970	(1969)	1970	(1969)	1970
Persons over 65 years	(87)	97	(3686)	3437	(733)	680
Physically Handicapped	-	10	(154)	118	(28)	24
Expectant Mothers	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(87)	107	(3840)	3555	(761)	704

Of the above County Chiropodist treated 183 patients and gave 513 treatments, in addition to the trainees at the Adult and Junior Training Centres which were as follows:-

	No. of Treatments
Adult Training Centre	74
Junior Training Centre	27

Section 29 - Domestic Help

The Home Help Organiser has been employed full-time in this Division since 21st. June 1966, and the visits made by the Supervisor were as follows:-

Supervisory Visits	2015
New Patients Visits	292
Recruitment of Home Help Visits	11

There were 63 Home Helps employed at the end of the year, but an additional 25 had been employed over the year, making a total of 88.

448 aged persons (over 65) were attended, 52,227 hours help provided. The hours are a decrease on the previous year of, 1,851.

The statistics are as follows:-

	Macclesfield	Bollington	Total	Total No. of Hours Worked during 1970
Part-time	52	11	63	56,789

In the case of home confinements home help is usually provided for fourteen days after the date of confinement, most of the help provided is in fact for aged persons who are chronically sick or infirm, and each year shows an increased demand from this group.

Number of Cases attended by Home Helps	1970	(1969)
Maternity (including expectant mothers)	33	(34)
Chronic Sick and Tuberculosis	31	(21)
Persons aged 65 and over	448	(437)
Others	30	(28)
	542	(520)

Night sitters attended 25 cases for 113 nights, there is an ever increasing demand for this service which is only supplied at the special request of a Doctor, usually when a hospital bed is not immediately available.

35 aged persons are almost entirely dependent on the Home Help Service and receive help daily.

Section 51 - Mental Health Service

Junior Training Centre

At 31st December, 1970 there were 81 children on the Register attending the Junior Training Centre in Park Lane. The ages of the children ranged from 3½ years to 16 years as follows:-

	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 5 years	4	3	7
5 - 6 years (incl)	14	7	21
7 - 11 years - do -	19	20	39
12 - 16 years - do -	10	4	14
	47	34	81

Areas in which children reside:-

Macclesfield Borough	35
Macclesfield Rural	6
Congleton Borough	4
Congleton Rural	5
Cheadle & Gatley U.D.C.	14
Wilmslow R.D.C.	7
Bramhall & Woodford U.D.C.	10
	81

17 Children receive free meals.

Special transport facilities are provided and escorts travel with the children. No journey takes longer than one hour.

3 Children on reaching 16 years of age transferred to the Adult Training Centre.

A physiotherapist attends two sessions per week and a chiropodist once every two months to give treatment as required. Both these services are of great benefit to the children concerned.

8 senior boys joined a party of young people on an Adventure Weekend in May at Hope in Derbyshire. 6 other children joined them on the Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. each day to take part in the activities which included hiking over the moors and visits to mines. This group did so well on the week-end that during the summer months they had a weekly walk in the hills, valleys and along the canal in the Macclesfield area.

The Macclesfield Rotarians arranged the usual visit to the Circus and the Macclesfield and Wilmslow Societies for Mentally Handicapped Children continued to give their financial support.

In the Autumn the Nursery was opened. This is intended to cater for approximately 20 children under 5 years of age. To date seven are attending.

Open Days were held for parents and friends. A number of students were attached to the Centre for periods of practical training and many visits of investigation and observation were made by teachers, student teachers, nurses, social workers and school children.

Adult Training Centre

Attendances

Number on register at 31st. December 1970	108
Total number of attendances during 1970	21,667
Average daily attendance	93.8
Number of Staff at 31st. December 1970	9

Employment

4 Trainees were found jobs.

Open Days and Social Activities

June 12th	Jumble Sale Evening
November 19th	Open Evening

Visitors

Nurse students from West Park and Parkside Hospitals made their now usual visits of observation throughout the year.

Teacher students from Teacher Training Course also were given facilities for practical training.

Boys from the King School made weekly practical visits.

Trainees Holidays

Cliff-Haven Hotel, Blackpool	30th May - 5th June
Penfwern Hall, Rhuddlan	17th - 24th July

Day Outing

Circular Tour of the Wirral.

1970/71 sees the end of an era in mental health services which many possibly will regret and view the future with apprehension.

It is understandable therefore that the formation of the new Social Services Department in April 1971 and the high hopes which have already been aroused by the concept of the Seebohm Report will be used as an opportunity not only to consider where the path lies for the future but also to appraise what has been achieved so far.

Much valuable work has been done and there is much to be seen that is praiseworthy. The new Social Services Department will inherit valuable resources both material and human, which must not be lost.

It is right that we should recognise this and show pride in what, by foresight and untiring effort, the Health Committees and the Mental Health Sub-Committee and their Officers have built-up and will now be handing on. It is hoped that committee members who have worked so generously to provide such substantial assets will not now feel that their efforts of the past will be wasted and their services no longer valued and required.

I want, in this last annual report to record my appreciation for the support and friendly consideration which has always been accorded me in the management of the Adult Training Centre by the Chairman and Members of the Macclesfield Divisional Health Committees and Divisional Medical Officer and his Staff.

Day Centre for the Elderly Mentally Infirm

This centre was transferred to adapted premises at "Ashfield", Upton, in June 1968.

No. on Register at 31st December 1970	35
Total Attendances during the year	5,546
Total No. of patients who have attended during the year	64
Total No. of patients transferred to permanent E.M.I. Care	3
Total No. of patients transferred to hospital	24
Total No. of deaths	12

1970 proved to be a challenging and interesting year with satisfactory progress made in consolidating "Ashfield" place as a part of the Mental Health Service.

We did not undertake a holiday for the patients but instead had six afternoon excursions, with afternoon tea at the various places we visited. These outings were very much enjoyed by the patients and we hope to follow the same programme next year.

Close liason has been maintained with the Consultant Staff at Parkside Hospital and also with the General Practitioners in the town. Chiropody and Home Help Services have been arranged where appropriate. Short-term hospital cases enabled several families to take holidays without worrying about an elderly relative.

A variety of handicrafts have been arranged and managed by the patients who enjoy being occupied in this way and we feel that several of them have shown considerable improvement physically and mentally as a result.

Once again Sixth Form boys from the Kings School have paid regular weekly visits which have been much appreciated.

Area Mental Welfare Officer's Report
for the Year 1970

33, Great King Street,
Macclesfield.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to present to you the Annual Report on the work of the Mental Health Service in Macclesfield and Bollington during 1970.

Staff changes have again taken place although to a lesser extent than in past years.

In July, Miss Margaret Lea, C.S.W., returned to the service after successfully completing her training course, and in September, Mr. M. J. Whitwick, Trainee Mental Welfare Officer, was transferred from this office to Altrincham.

In addition, another officer was away throughout the year undertaking professional training and his return is anticipated in July next.

Whilst the number of professionally qualified staff within the service has steadily increased, the demand for places on training courses far outweighs the number of places available.

The department continues to enjoy a good relationship with Parkside Hospital, with resultant benefits to both services. Liason is furthered by the Area Mental Welfare Officer lecturing at the hospital to Student Nurses who then spend a week at the Mental Health Office observing the work of the Mental Welfare Officer as part of their training.

Although residential care for the Elderly Mental Infirm became the responsibility of the Welfare Department as from August last, day-care at Ashfield House remains with the Health Department and the value of this service is once again emphasised.

County services for the submormal are well evidenced in Macclesfield with the Adult and Junior Training Centres and the Hostel for the Adult Subnormals, all situated in Park Lane. These establishments make a very necessary and valuable contribution in caring for the Mentally Handicapped and efforts are still being made to find suitable Foster Homes for the Mentally Handicapped and at present there are several women at "The Willows" who would benefit by being placed in a private home for whom the County Council would make a financial allowance. Unfortunately this scheme has had little success during the past year.

Social Clubs for the Mentally disordered continue to flourish with the Over 16's Club being held every fortnight and the Macclesfield and District Therapeutic Social Club (The Bridge Club) meeting every week. The venue for these Clubs being the Adult Training Centre, Park Lane. Mental Welfare Officers are closely involved in these Clubs as are members of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

As you are aware the new Social Services Department comes into operation on April 1st. 1971. The present Children's Department, Welfare Department and Mental Health Service will cease to exist in their pressnt form, but their duties and responsibilities will be absorbed in the new department, which should obviate the confusion which exists as to which department should be approached regarding a particular problem. We look forward with enthusiasm to the new opportunities and challenge which will be presented.

The smooth running of our present service has existed only through the close contact and co-operation of the Local Committees, Voluntary Agencies and Allied Services and I have no doubt that this high level of co-operation, necessary to facilitate the introduction of the new service, will continue.

In this, the final Annual Report to the Health Committee, I express my sincere thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, Dr. B. G. Gretton-Watson and Dr. Plews for their assistance and support, and to the staff of my department for their loyalty and efficiency.

A table showing the way in which cases referred from the Macclesfield and Bollington areas have been dealt with is given below:-

Notifications	Mental Illness		
	Male	Female	Total
Informal Admissions	44	52	96
Compulsory Admission following application under the Mental Health Act	18	17	39
Referred to Other Agencies	30	34	64
Referred to Psychiatric Out-patient Clinics	27	33	60
Cases referred where no action considered necessary	28	27	55
Cases receiving Domiciliary support	98	94	192
	245	257	502

I remain,
Your Obedient Servant,

G. D. BROWN,

Area Mental Welfare Officer.